

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Vincent LEGUEN

Application No.: 371 of PCT/FR98/02801

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINER WITH PETALOID BASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the government filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 or 2" and insert --Claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 or 3" and insert --Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 or 4" and insert --Claim 1--.

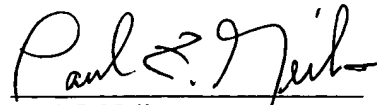
Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 or 5" and insert --Claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 or 6" and insert --Claim 1--.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are presented to eliminate the multiple dependent claims and thereby avoid the government surcharge, and to ensure the examination of all claims on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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